

4th Annual Kokua@Kailua Beach Cleanup a Success



This spring Rep. Pendleton, accompanied by his keiki Raquelle and Roland, held his 4th Annual Kokua@Kailua Beach Cleanup, which involved over 200 volunteers, 25 businesses, and collected over 100 bags of trash.



Talking to the press

Sampling of Quotations from Pendleton's Recent Speeches

"We cannot tax and spend our way to prosperity. We cannot regulate our way into paradise. We have to look at the consequences of our actions. Good motives are not enough reason to legislate and regulate."

— Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, 2002

"Hawaii is a special place. In order to keep it that way we need policies which show that we are not just an excellent vacation spot but an excellent place to raise families, conduct business, and invest capital."

— Hawaii Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 2002

"Bigger isn't always better. Hawaii's residents are not necessarily better off because our state operating budget is bigger. In fact, the bigger our budget the more we have taken from our taxpayers. That's not a good thing. That's why I oppose tax increases"

— Kaneohe Business Group Luncheon, 2002



With son Roland, volunteering at the River of Life Mission, Christmas 2001

Unsuccessful Legislation in 2002 which Rep. Pendleton Supported

"There were a lot of measures I would have liked to see become law this past session, they include the following measures:

GET Tax Exemption – Measures to eliminate the GET on food, medical services, and rent.

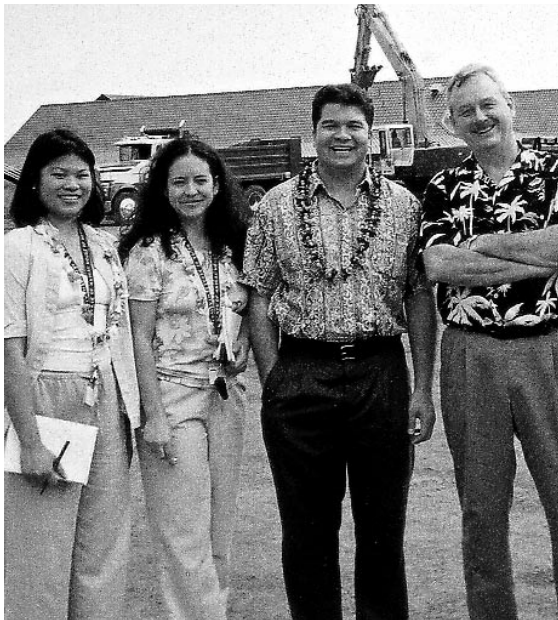
Procurement Reform – Measures to streamline the procurement of government services and goods.

Education Accountability – Measures to insure accountability in the state public school system.

Charter Schools – Measures to guarantee equal treatment of and fair funding for Charter Schools.

GET Tax Holiday – Proposal to stimulate business with a General Excise Tax Holiday for purchases under \$100, provided businesses pass on savings to their customers.

Common Sense Measures – Measures such as allowing schools to keep up to 70% of rental fees, mandating one accounting system for all State Departments, and elimination of outdated Special Funds.



Pendleton with legislative aides and Le Jardin Headmaster Adrian Allan

Failure of Education Reform Biggest Disappointment, Says Pendleton

"The House passed a measure to permit voters in November to amend the Constitution to allow locally elected school boards. But the Senate killed the measure. Creating locally elected school boards would have brought decision makers closer to their constituents, creating more accountability, and would have allowed for greater innovation," says Pendleton.

"I generally favor across-the-board tax rate reductions, but if we cannot achieve that, then we ought to at least target those industries which can create jobs here locally and stimulate our economy."

— Rep. Pendleton

Film Industry and Renewable Energy Tax Credits

Proposal to stimulate both industries with tax credits.

Sampling of Measures Introduced by Rep. Pendleton and others

[HB2696 Relating to Deterring and Penalizing Financial Abuse of Elders and Dependent Adults.](#)

Stiffer law against those who defraud senior citizens.

[HB2138 Relating to Public Assistance](#)

Relating to temporary assistance to needy families (TANF) assistance with a minor parent. Requires an individual who is under the age of 18 years old, unmarried, who has a minor child, and who has not successfully completed high school or its equivalent, to demonstrate the individual's actual attendance in school at a rate of at least 70 per cent to receive assistance from TANF fund.

[HB2137 Relating to Family Courts.](#)

Provides that the court may fine a child



With musicians and resident at Pohai Nani

who seriously injures another in an amount not to exceed the amount an adult could be fined if the act were committed by an adult

[HB2182 Relating to Law Enforcement Officers.](#)

Provides that assault of a law enforcement officer is a class C felony, rather than a misdemeanor.

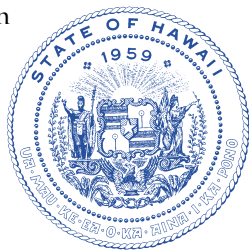
[HB2135 Relating to election recounts.](#)

Establishes provision relating to recount of votes cast for close contests.

[HB2698 Relating to imposing mandatory minimum sentence to cruelty to animals offense.](#)

Increases penalties for those convicted of cruelty to animals.

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Kailua–Kaneohe 2002 Legislative Session Summary

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Aloha!

Over the last six years I have been honored to serve you in the House of Representatives, State of Hawaii. As in previous sessions, there have been

many challenges to address and many problems to solve. My style has been to roll up my sleeves and get to work rather than wasting time pointing fingers of blame.

I have always put the interests of Hawaii's residents first in all of my policy deliberations, my debates, and my votes. I have made growing Hawaii's economy, opposing tax increases, fighting crime, protecting our environment, and supporting our schools my priorities.

I have worked to do this in an increasingly difficult fiscal climate. The answer has not been bigger government or necessarily more laws but more government efficiency and more competition.

I have seen my role as using government pro-actively to support the quality of life, to ensure that Hawaii's families have a bright future, and to serve the people.

This report is a brief overview of the most recent session. Legislative Session 2002 ended on May 2, 2002, but the effects will be around for a long time. I won a few legislative battles. And I lost a few. I was on the winning side of votes. And on some I was not able to get what I felt my constituents wanted. That is the nature of democracy. The majority always wins, though the majority is not necessarily always right.

I welcome your questions, comments, and input. Please call me at 586-9490 if I can be of assistance. And again, mahalo for the opportunity to serve you.

With warmest aloha,

David

Representative David A. Pendleton
(Kailua-Kaneohe)

Hot Issues



Hurricane Relief Fund

Pendleton Opposed Raiding Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund (but Legislature took \$29 million dollars in interest)

"I oppose using the Hurricane Fund to balance the budget. The money was raised for hurricanes and should be used for hurricanes or returned to those who paid into the fund." – January 2002

"Since we cannot repeal future hurricanes, it makes no sense to deplete in this fashion these hurricane relief funds. If we are going to touch these monies, it ought to be for hurricane relief or to give back to those who paid into this fund in the first place." – May 2002

General Excise Tax

Pendleton Supported Ending GET on Residential Rent, Groceries, and Medical (but the measure failed to pass the Legislature)

"In this post September 11 economic climate, our state could

Other Issues Pendleton Worked On in 2002

- Education reforms following the Felix investigation
- Campaign spending reform
- Opposing gambling
- Reviewing the proposed Aloha/Hawaiian merger
- Revisions to Megan's Law to insure its constitutionality after being recently struck down by the Hawaii Supreme Court
- Opposing numerous fee and tax increases

use the stimulus from ending or phasing out the tax on rent, groceries, and medical services. This will leave families with more money to save and invest and spend on other purchases." – January 2002

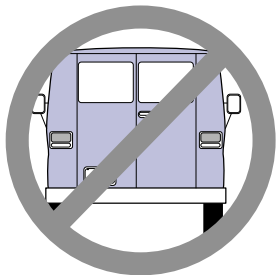
"Reducing government spending down to sustainable levels will only be done when we reduce the burdensome taxes on families. We can do that by eliminating the tax on food, rent, and medical." – May 2002

Speed Cams

Pendleton Voted to End Van Speed Cams (and the Legislature repealed the program this session, the bill becoming law without the Governor's signature)

"I oppose speeding and racing on our streets and highways. But the way we have implemented this program has been flawed. We either thoroughly fix the program so we use these cameras as we do police radar, or we end the program." – January 2002


"The technology has not been the problem but the way we have employed the technology. Since we are unable to fix the program, I support total repeal of the program." – April 2002



Pendleton with Windward District School May Day Court

- Promoting alternatives to incarceration where appropriate for non-violent offenders
- Promoting drug rehabilitation where appropriate
- Addressing long-term care

Community involvement has always been a high priority , as evidenced by this sampling of letters...



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

EVAN S. DOBRIE
PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII


May 9, 2002

The Honorable David Pendleton
Hawaii State Capitol, Rm. 442
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Pendleton:

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of the University of Hawaii I would like to thank you for your support of our University during the recently completed Legislative session. Your investments this year will pay dividends for years to come.

The perspective of higher education, will be remembered as the This investment is significant not just for to use state funds to



PARENT - COMMUNITY NETWORKING CENTERS

Hawaii State Department of Education

KEOLU ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1416 Keolu Drive
Kailua, HI 96734

March 22, 2002

Representative David Pendleton
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 442
Honolulu, HI 96813


Dear David:

You did a fantastic job with the "Read Across America" project. This was a nation-wide event to emphasize the importance of reading books and having someone like yourself as a guest reader was perfect. We appreciate your willingness to read to our classes. The students thoroughly enjoyed their time with you because of your eagerness and enthusiasm.

It was heartwarming to see that you had the opportunity to spend second year. I hope you enjoyed yourself as much as we did.

Women In Need
Family Resource Center

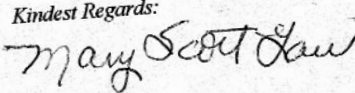
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April 8, 2002

Dear Representative David Pendleton:

On behalf of Women In Need we would like to say thank you for inviting us to participate for the second year in the "No Excuse For Abuse" campaign. We will continue working with victims of domestic violence and families in need. We look forward to working with you again in the future, and continuing to make a difference in people's lives.

kindest Regards:

Mary Scott-Lau
Executive Director

Legislative Leadership

Member of the House of Representatives since 1996


- Minority Floor Leader 1998–2002
- Minority Whip 1997–1998

Legislative - Community Projects


- 4th Annual Kokua @ Kailua Beach Clean-Up at Kailua Beach
- 3rd Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Day at Windward Shopping Mall
- Hawaii Food Bank Drive (March 2002)
- Served as Salvation Army Christmas Volunteer Bell Ringer
- Christmas Tree Lighting at Castle Medical Center

With Sen. Bob Hogue

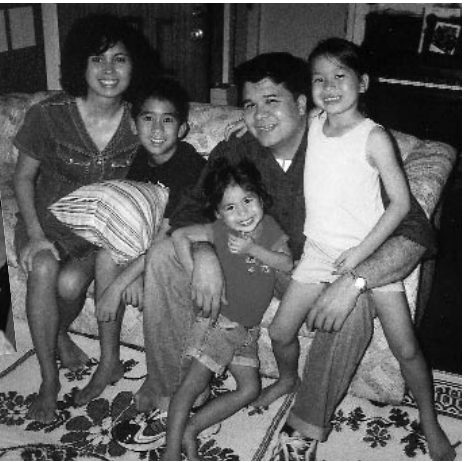
- Volunteered at River of Life Mission



Pictured here with (L-R) Reps. Djou and Meyer, as well as Lacene Terri



With Sen. Bob Hogue




(L-R) Noemi, Roland, David, Danielle (the little one) & Raquelle

Married with four children. Baby David was born June 1st, weighing in at 9lb 4oz!

History of Committee Service since 1996

- Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs
- Military Affairs and Public Safety
- Commerce and Consumer Protection
- Legislative Management
- Transportation
- Labor
- Joint Felix Investigative
- Health
- Human Services and Housing



Pictured with John Waihee IV and Noemi

School's Visited This Legislative Session

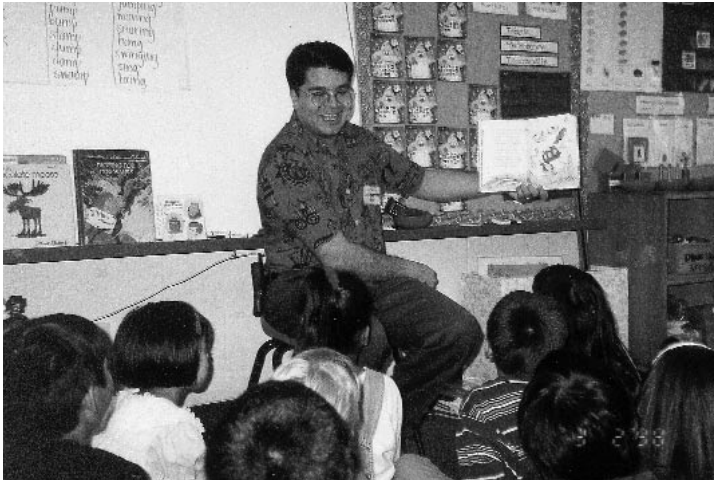
- Keolu Elementary School
- Maunawili Elementary School
- Enchanted Lake Elementary School
- Olomana School
- Pu'ohala Elementary School
- Trinity Christian School
- Le Jardin Academy
- Ka'elepulu Elementary School

- St. John Vianney Elementary School
 - Benjamin Parker Elementary School
 - Hawaiian Mission Academy
 - Windward Adventist School
- Sampling of Recent Awards, Fellowships & Honors for Legislative Work**
- Henry Toll Fellowship
 - Hawaii Medical Association Legislator of the Year
 - La Sierra University Alumnus of the Year
 - American Council of Young Political Leaders
 - Pacific Century Fellowship



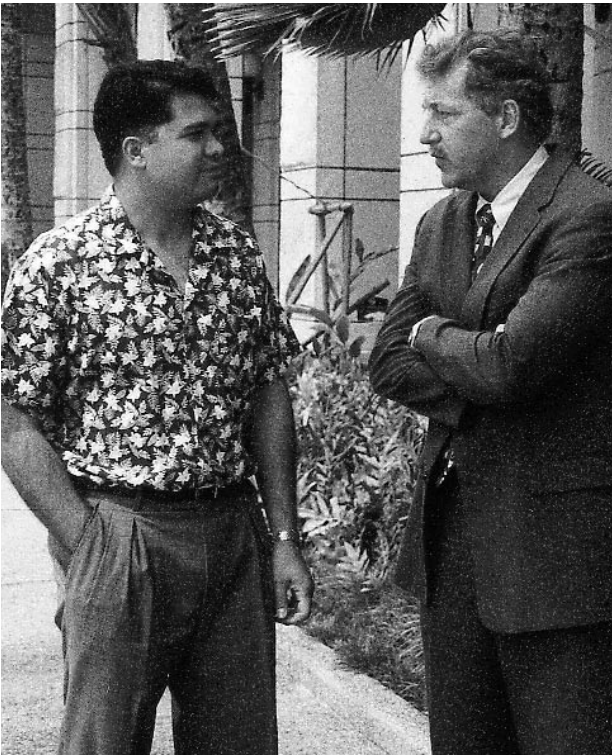
Receiving a citation at La Sierra University

Serving You — In the Capitol, Classroom and the Community



Reading at Keolu Elementary School

Rep. Pendleton's attendance over the last six regular Legislative Sessions has been over 95% — among the most consistent attendance records in the Legislature. He



Consistently tough on crime — with Prosecutor Peter Carlisle

Pendleton's Votes at a Glance

- Supported tax reduction
- Opposed fee increases
- Supported more capitol improvement project money for public schools
- Supported more repair and maintenance money for public schools
- Supported educational accountability
- Supported educational standards and benchmarking
- Supported creation of local school boards
- Supported Hawaiian Immersion Program
- Supported more rehabilitation and drug treatment for inmates

Concerns Over Increased Spending in 2002

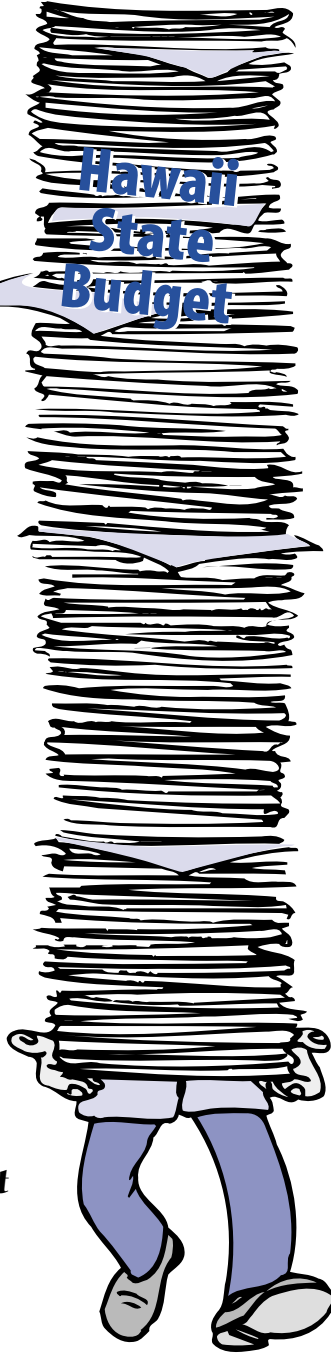
The 2002 Legislative Session adjourned on May 2 after passing the largest budget in State history.

The Operating Budget for fiscal year 2003 is \$7,400,112,663, a 3% increase over the 2002 budget of \$7,186,5221,545.

"The challenge with the budget is that it is an all-or-nothing document. You cannot vote for only part of it. There are important and vital programs in it, but there is also a lot of pork. I don't believe in taking pork over the Pali, so I fight for only those programs we need, which are core government functions. I can only hope that the Governor will use his power to trim the fat from the budget."

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— Rep. Pendleton on the growing state budget



Helping the Hawaii Food Bank Six Years in a Row

Recognizing that each year 120,000 — 150,000 people in Hawaii go hungry, forty percent of whom are children, Rep. Pendleton continued his tradition of collecting goods to contribute to Hawaii's hungry families.

Shown here at Windward Adventist School in Kailua

